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**IN THE ABSTRACT**

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

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--18. A process for preparing a cigarette filter which comprises extracting rosemary with a solvent to obtain polyphenol compounds selected from the group consisting of extract of rosemary, carnosol, rosmanol, rosmarinic acid and carnosic acid, and incorporating said polyphenol compounds into the cigarette filter.

19. A process for preparing a cigarette filter which comprises incorporating polyphenol compounds selected from the group consisting of carnosol, rosmanol, rosmarinic acid and carnosic acid, into the cigarette filter.

20. The process according to claim 19, wherein the polyphenol compounds are obtained by chemical synthesis.

21. A cigarette filter obtained by the process of claim 18.

22. A cigarette filter obtained by the process of claim 19.--

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**REMARKS**

This application provides for, *inter alia*, a process for preparing cigarette filter in which polyphenol compounds, optionally obtained by extraction from rosemary, and cigarette filters obtained by this process.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner to extend the time period for the Company respond to the outstanding Office Action by one month, *i.e.*, up to and including May 15, 2002. A check for \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of this